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#### SUBTITLE 1—POLLING PLACE SITES

#### Historical and Statutory Notes

##### 2002 Legislation

Acts 2002, c. 291, § 2, transferred this subtitle from Art. 33, Title 10, Subtitle 1 to be Subtitle 1, Polling Place Sites.

#### § 10-101. Designation of polling place by local boards

##### In general

(a)(1) Each local board shall designate a polling place that meets the requirements of this subsection for each precinct in the county as established by the local board in accordance with Title 2 of this article.

##### (2) Each polling place shall:

- (i) provide an environment that is suitable to the proper conduct of an election;
- (ii) be located as conveniently as practicable for the majority of registered voters assigned to that polling place;
- (iii) except as authorized in paragraph (4) of this subsection, be in a public building;
- (iv) be in the precinct that it serves unless no suitable location for a polling place can be found within that precinct, in which case the board may establish the polling place in an adjacent precinct; and
- (v) whenever practicable, be selected and arranged to avoid architectural and other barriers that impede access or voting by elderly and physically disabled voters.

(3)(i) The public official responsible for the use of any public building requested by a local board for a polling place shall make available to the local board, without charge, the space that is needed in the building for the proper conduct of an election.

(ii) Light, heat, and custodial and janitorial services for the space shall be provided to the local board without charge.

(iii) 1. Subject to subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, electioneering shall be allowed on the premises of the public building up to the electioneering boundary established under § 16-206(b) of this article.

2. Campaign signs shall be allowed on the premises of the public building, at a minimum, from:

A. 5 p.m. the day immediately preceding election day until 8 a.m. on the day immediately following election day; and

B. 5 p.m. the day before an early voting period begins under § 10-301.1 of this title until 8 a.m. the day after the early voting period ends.

(4)(i) If suitable space in a public building is not available, a local board may pay a reasonable fee for the use of space in a privately owned building.

(ii) A polling place may not be located in a privately owned building unless the owner of the building agrees to:

1. allow electioneering on the premises up to the electioneering boundary established under § 16-206(b) of this article; and

2. allow campaign signs on the premises, at a minimum, from:

A. 5 p.m. the day immediately preceding election day until 8 a.m. on the day immediately following election day; and

B. 5 p.m. the day before an early voting period begins under § 10-301.1 of this title until 8 a.m. the day after the early voting period ends.

(iii) Except as provided in subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of this paragraph, an election may not be held in any building or part of any building used or occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license.

(iv) An election may be held in a building that is owned and occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license if:

1. the local board determines that there is no suitable alternative place to hold an election;

2. the licensee agrees not to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages during the period beginning 2 hours before the polls open and ending 2 hours after the polls close; and

3. where applicable, all ballots are removed from the polling place by the local board immediately following the election.

(v) An early voting center may be located in a building that is partially occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license if:

1. the State Board, in collaboration with a local board, determines that the building is a suitable site for an early voting center; and

2. the entrance to a licensee's establishment is at least 100 feet from the entrance to the building that is closest to the part of the building where the early voting center is located.

(5) If a polling place is located in a building owned or leased by a volunteer fire company or rescue squad, the volunteer fire company or rescue squad may require the local board to pay for the use of the space that is needed in the building for the proper conduct of any election.

#### Local provisions

(b)(1)(i) In Baltimore City, public buildings shall be used for polling places to the greatest extent feasible.

(ii) For rental of privately owned polling places in Baltimore City, the local board shall pay an amount as determined in the ordinance of estimates, provided that the amount is uniform on a citywide basis.

(2) In Charles County, the local board may use private firehouses, private halls, and other buildings for polling places.

## **Polling Place and Early Voting Management**

As a component of the Elections Operations program, the Polling Place Management (PPM) group directly impacts resident satisfaction through its responsibility for determining and assigning all Montgomery County voters to a polling place.

PPM is tasked with the following responsibilities according to Md. Election Law Ann. Section 10-101, relating to polling places such as:

- locating the sites as conveniently as practicable for the majority of registered voters assigned to that polling place;
- establishing a voting location that is at least in an adjacent precinct to the voter's home address;
- ensuring each polling place complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- selecting a public building, unless a suitable space is not available in a public building;
- ensuring that electricity, HVAC, communication lines and building maintenance services are available at the site;
- ensuring all polling places are adequately stocked with ballots and other supplies.

After the Board selection and approval, local and State Board of Elections staff initiate and complete the following:

- data management for Election Reporting Management (ERM);
- updating MDVOTERS;
- data management of the Election Judge Module;
- coordinate the delivery of election equipment and materials.

Information Technology (IT) program and other County agencies establish a preliminary logistical setup to ensure adequate resources to include the following:

- electrical capacity;
- a communication line;
- security and space for the required equipment allocation
- Signal Testing.

## **Precinct 05-15**

Returning to Home Polling Place: Cloverly ES

Polling Place Established: 1978

**2018 Polling Place (Temporary):** St. Andrew Ukrainian Center

**Reason for Change:** MCPS HVAC Replacement at Cloverly ES – June 2018

**Registered Voters:** 3,584

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 31.28%

2016 31.11%

### **Cloverly Elementary School**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 2,160 SF
- 52 Parking Spaces + Adjacent Parking at the Neighboring Park

### **St. Andrew Ukrainian Center**

- Out of Precinct
- Private Lease (\$)
- 3,168 SF
- 74 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 07-19**

Returning to Home Polling Place: North Bethesda MS

Polling Place Established: 2000

**2018 Polling Place (Temporary):** Wyngate ES

**Reason for Change:** MCPS Construction at North Bethesda MS – June 2018

**Registered Voters:** 4,239

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 46.30%

2016 45.97%

### **North Bethesda Middle School**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 4,644 SF
- 96 Parking Spaces + Additional Parking in Bus Lanes & Some Street

### **Wyngate Elementary School**

- Polling Room: 3,933 SF
- 79 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 07-20**

Returning to Home Polling Place: Ashburton ES

Polling Place Established: 1976

**2018 Polling Place (Temporary):** Davis Library

**Reason for Change:** MCPS Construction at Ashburton ES – June 2018

**Registered Voters:** 2,408

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 48.44%

2016 47.52%

### **Ashburton Elementary School**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 1,728 SF
- 104 Parking Spaces + Street Parking

### **Davis Library**

- Polling Room: 1,110 SF
- 114 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 08-01**

Returning to Home Polling Place: Olney ES

Polling Place Established: 1976

**2018 Polling Place (Temporary):** St. Peter's Parish

**Reason for Change:** MCPS HVAC Replacement at Olney ES – June 2018

**Registered Voters:** 3,702

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 41.07%

2016 48.51%

### **Olney Elementary School**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 2,379 SF
- 80 Parking Spaces + Street Parking

### **St. Peter's Parish**

- Out of Precinct
- Private Lease (\$)
- Polling Room: 4,488 SF
- 150 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 09-09**

Returning to Home Polling Place: Whetstone ES

Polling Place Established: 1976

**2018 Polling Place (Temporary):** Covenant United Methodist Church

**Reason for Change:** MCPS HVAC Replacement at Whetstone ES – June 2018

**Registered Voters:** 4,144

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 34.10%

2016 40.32%

### **Whetstone Elementary School**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 1,849 SF
- 96 Parking Spaces

### **Covenant United Methodist Church**

- Out of Precinct
- Private Lease
- Polling Room: 1,326 SF
- 70 Parking Spaces



## **Precinct 12-04/02-09**

Returning to Home Polling Place: Lois P. Rockwell ES

Polling Place Established: 1996

**2018 Polling Place (Temporary):** Cedar Grove ES

**Reason for Change:** MCPS HVAC Replacement at Rockwell ES – June 2018

**Registered Voters:** 3,086

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 35.33%

2016 33.41%

### **Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School**

- In Precinct (12-04)
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 3,640 SF
- 87 Parking Spaces + Street Parking

### **Cedar Grove Elementary School**

- Polling Room: 2,320 SF
- 80 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 13-38**

Returning to Home Polling Place: Kensington-Parkwood ES

Polling Place Established: 1976

**2018 Polling Place (Temporary):** Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

**Reason for Change:** MCPS Construction at Kensington-Parkwood ES – June 2018

**Registered Voters:** 4,366

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 45.69%

2016 48.63%

### **Kensington-Parkwood Elementary School**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 3,520 SF
- 40 Parking Spaces (Lower Lot) + Street Parking

### **Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church**

- Private Lease (\$)
- Polling Room: 3,149 SF
- 138 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 13-46**

Returning to Home Polling Place: Lucy V. Barnsley ES

Polling Place Established: 2012

**2018 Polling Place (Temporary):** Bauer Drive Recreation Center

**Reason for Change:** MCPS Construction at Lucy V. Barnsley ES – June 2018

**Registered Voters:** 2,208

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 42.54%

2016 44.56%

### **Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary School**

- Adjacent to Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 2,860 SF
- 55 Parking Spaces + Bus Lane and Street Parking

## **Precinct 13-46**

2020 Polling Place: English Manor Center\*

2018 Polling Place: Bauer Drive Recreation Center\*\*

**Reason for Change:** Returning to Original Home Polling Place

**Registered Voters:** 2,208

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 42.54%

2016 44.56%

### **English Manor Center**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 2,982 SF
- Significant parking problems
- 50 Parking Spaces + Street
- Election Day Administrative Staff on Site (approx. 65) + Early Childhood Programs

\* Staff does not believe this is a suitable polling place due to inadequate parking

\*\* Replaced Lucy V. Barnsley ES due to MCPS Construction in 2018 (Barnsley hosted 2012-2016)

## **Total Voters Moving for Other Facility Issues**

## **Precinct 04-10 (Consolidated with 04-18)**

**Home Polling Place:** Tilden MS (11211 Old Georgetown Road)

**Polling Place Established:** 1976

**2020 PRIMARY Polling Place:** Tilden MS (Old Georgetown Road)

**2020 GENERAL Polling Place (Temporary):** Tilden MS (NEW)  
(Relocated/6300 Tilden Lane)

**Reason for Change:** MCPS Construction at former Tilden MS – Fall 2020  
(11211 Old Georgetown Road)

**Registered Voters:** 2,632

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 42.89%

2016 41.39%

### **Tilden Middle School (Relocated/NEW/6300 Tilden Lane)**

- Adjacent to Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: Cafeteria, 4,840 SF
- 130 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 04-18 (Consolidated with 04-10)**

**Home Polling Place:** Tilden Center (6300 Tilden Lane)

**Polling Place Established:** 1976

**2020 PRIMARY Polling Place (Temporary):** Tilden MS (Old Georgetown Road)

**2020 GENERAL Polling Place:** Tilden MS (Relocated/NEW/6300 Tilden Lane)

**2018 Elections Polling Place (Temporary):** Tilden MS (Old Georgetown Road)

**Reason for Change:** Returning to Original Home Polling Place following  
MCPS New School Construction

**Registered Voters:** 3,093

### **Election Day Turnout:**

2018 40.26%

2016 39.39%

### **Tilden Middle School (Relocated/NEW/6300 Tilden Lane)**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: Cafeteria, 4,840 SF
- 130 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 04-17**

Home Polling Place: Luxmanor ES

Polling Place Established: 2008

**2020 PRIMARY Polling Place:** B'nai Israel Congregation

**2020 GENERAL Polling Place:** Luxmanor ES

**Reason for Change:** MCPS Construction at Luxmanor ES

**Registered Voters:** 3,058

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 36.21%

2016 36.80%

### **B'nai Israel Congregation (Primary)**

- Adjacent to Precinct
- Private Facility (\$)
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 2,584 SF
- 175 Parking Spaces

### **Luxmanor Elementary School (General)**

- Adjacent to Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: All Purpose Room
- 80 Parking Spaces + Street Parking



## **Precincts 04-27/04-38 (Consolidated with 04-07/04-37)**

2020 Polling Place: Twinbrook ES

2018 Polling Place: Twinbrook Recreation Center

**Reason for Change:** City of Rockville Declined to Host

**Registered Voters:** 617

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 32.33%

2016 39.11%

### **Twinbrook Elementary School**

- Adjacent to Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 2,752 SF
- 52 Parking Spaces + Street

### **Twinbrook Recreation Center**

- Out of Precinct
- Private Lease
- Polling Room: 990 SF
- 67 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 06-08**

**2020 Polling Place:** Dacek N. Potomac Comm Rec Center

**2018 Polling Place (Temporary):** Nancy H. Dacek N. Potomac Comm Rec Ctr

**Reason for 2020 Permanent Change:** Relocation Due to 06-14 Change

**Registered Voters:** 2,018

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 41.09%

2016 44.41%

### **Nancy H. Dacek N. Potomac Community Rec Center**

- Adjacent to Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 4,157 SF
- 186 Parking Spaces + Street Parking

## **Precinct 06-14**

2020 Polling Place: Stone Mill ES

2018 Polling Place: Temple Beth Ami

**Reason for Change:** Public Facility

**Registered Voters:** 1,398

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 39.42%

2016 42.11%

### **Stone Mill Elementary School**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 4,200 SF
- 85 Parking Spaces + Street Parking

### **Temple Beth Ami**

- Private Lease (\$)
- Polling Room: 5,100 SF
- 240 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 13-03**

2020 Polling Place: Silver Creek MS

2018 Polling Place: Temple Emanuel

**Reason for Change:** Public Facility

**Registered Voters:** 2,354

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 42.93%

2016 40.98%

### **Silver Creek Middle School**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 5,632 SF
- 110 Parking Spaces

### **Temple Emanuel**

- Private Lease (\$)
- Polling Room: 3,400 SF
- 77 Parking Spaces

## **Precinct 13-05**

2020 Polling Place: Silver Spring Civic Building (Vote Center)

2018 Polling Place: Silver Spring Library

**Reason for Change:** Larger Facility

**Registered Voters:** 3,966

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 30.52%

2016 23.83%

### **Silver Spring Civic Building**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 5,056 SF (Shared w/13-10 & 13-50)
- Walkable Community
- VanGo Community Bus, 8 am to 11 pm

### **Silver Spring Library**

- Polling Room: 947 SF (Inadequate for voter population)

## **Precinct 13-10**

2020 Polling Place: Silver Spring Civic Building (Vote Center)

2018 Polling Place: M-NCPPC Auditorium

**Reason for Change:** Organization Has Moved/Building Occupied in April

**Registered Voters:** 1,976

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 33.38%

2016 31.42%

### **Silver Spring Civic Building**

- Adjacent to Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 5,056 SF (Shared w/13-05 & 13-50)
- Walkable Community
- VanGo Community Bus, 8 am to 11 pm

## **Precinct 13-50**

2020 Polling Place: Silver Spring Civic Building (Vote Center)

2018 Polling Place: Sligo Creek ES

**Reason for Change (Temporary):** MCPS Construction at Sligo Creek ES

**Registered Voters:** 2,234

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 34.00%

2016 29.50%

### **Silver Spring Civic Building**

- Adjacent to Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: 5,056 SF (Shared w/13-05 & 13-10)
- Walkable Community
- VanGo Community Bus, 8 am to 11 pm

## **Precinct 13-23**

2020 Polling Place: Montgomery Blair HS

2018 Polling Place: Pine Crest ES

**Reason for Change (Temporary):** MCPS Construction at Pine Crest ES

**Registered Voters:** 2,697

### **General Election Day Turnout:**

2018 50.08%

2016 48.34%

### **Montgomery Blair High School**

- In Precinct
- Public Facility
- ADA Compliant
- Electioneering Permitted
- Polling Room: Cafeteria
- 430 Parking Spaces